

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown below. A complete listing of the claims, including their current status identifier, is set forth below.

1-36 (Cancelled)

37. (Currently amended) A method of ~~screening~~, comprising:

introducing a library of at least 10^3 vectors encoding different candidate agents into a population of mammalian cells grown *in vitro*;

subjecting the population of cells to a physiological signal, wherein said physiological signal that stimulates a phenotype in said cells of the same type in the absence of the candidate bioactive agents;

sorting the individual cells in the population on the basis of at least three optical properties by fluorescent activated cell sorting (FACS),

identifying a cell having a phenotype that is altered relative to other cells in the population; and

sequencing the nucleic acid encoding said candidate agent in said cell that has an altered phenotype, thereby identifying said candidate agent in said cell.

38. (Currently amended) The method of claim 37, wherein ~~said~~ physiological signal is an exocytic inducer, a hormone, an antibody, a peptide, an antigen, a cytokine, a growth factor, an action potential or ~~other~~ cells.

39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein said exocytic inducer is Ca^{++} or ionomycin.

40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein said at least three optical properties comprise at least one optical property selected from the group consisting of: light

scattering, and fluorescent dye uptake, fluorescent dye release and binding of a fluorescent antibody.

41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein said library is of at least 10^6 vectors in size.
42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein said cells are cultured cells.
43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein said vector is a retroviral vector.
44. (Previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein said candidate agent is a peptide.